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I wish to know for certain whether there is a demand. If information is forthcoming that it would be largely patronised, we will take the necessary steps."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"The hon. the Minister may be pleased to give us an idea of the quantities of such foods now imported into our province."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—"I shall find out."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"May I ask the hon. the Minister to find out whether large quantities of these foods and preparations are being imported into the country every year?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—"That was what Mr. A Ranganatha Mudaliyar asked, and I will make inquiries."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"As regards the unwillingness on the part of the Madras public to patronize jams and fruits. . . ."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—"No question of unwillingness, but the inability to find statistics."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Is the hon. the Minister aware that the state of affairs is due to the fact that the jams and fruits in the Government factory are sold at higher prices than those at which first-rate imported jams are available in the Madras market?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—"Yes, the prices are slightly higher."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Is that not sufficient reason for people not patronizing these jams, Sir, in this poor country?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—"I do not know that."

Co-operative Societies.

Advance collection of share capital of co-operative societies.

* 352 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with reference to his answer to Interpellation No. 471, clauses (c) and (d), dated 17th March 1925, regarding the advance collection of share capital of co-operative societies—

(a) whether he will call for definite information in the matter; and

(b) whether it is a fact that such procedure was adopted only in cases where the members were asked to pay the entire share capital all at once as they were suspected not to be solvent enough to pay?

A.—(a) The number of societies in which registration was deferred pending the collection and remission of the full share capital of the original members during the two years ending 31st December 1924 is given below :—

District.	Number of societies.
Cuddapah	4
Madura	5
North Arcot	9

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The amounts in deposit in Central Banks to the credit of societies the registration of which is still pending are—

Name of Central Bank.	Amount.		
	RS.	A.	P.
Christian Central Bank	1,090	0	0
Chittoor District Bank	78	8	0
Vellore Central Bank	161	0	0

(b) No.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“ With reference to clause (b), the answer is ‘ No ’, so that the reason is not what is suggested in the interpellation. Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to state what the reason is ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ There are various reasons.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“ Some of them at least may be given.”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ I shall make further enquiries into the matter.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“ Is the hon. the Minister aware that the societies referred to in this interpellation are Raffeisen societies in which little or no capital is expected to be brought by the members into the society ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ I shall make inquiries. I have not got the information here.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“ What is the meaning of poor people who come and join the society not for any spiritual benefit but with the object of getting loans, being compelled to bring in the entire share capital which has to be paid by them ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ It all depends on the personnel of the society in all these matters.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“ I find that the worst offender in this respect is my district, North Arcot. All the societies referred to in this interpellation are primary societies of unlimited liability and they are Raffeisen societies consisting of poor people whose only capital practically should be their character.”

Industries.

The Model Industrial school in the Northern Circars.

* 353 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : With reference to the G.O. No. 2043, Development, dated 28th November 1924, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased—

(i) to make a statement on the working of the Model Industrial school, if any, in the Northern Circars ; and

(ii) to state—

(a) when such a school will be established in the Ceded districts as suggested by the Technical and Industrial Committee ;